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1. The Yugoslav military forces along the Yugoslav-Greek border have been reinforced in the sector opposite Florina by one infantry battalion (three companies). This battalion is located in the villages of Lazats, Porodin, Zabjani, Optiare, and Kremenita.

2. Patrols are moving about day and night along the border.

3. From Lazats-Krazesnica—Dragos, along the border to the heights of Peristeri a double barbed wire entanglement is being erected. A group of 40 soldiers is continuing this work. The rumored purpose of the above measures is to prevent Greek guerrillas from entering Yugoslav territory.

4. Anti-aircraft guns in Bitolj are located on the two principal avenues of the city, first at the old Turkish powder magazines, and second north of the city above the Jewish cemetery.

5. Large quantities of ammunition are located in magazines which the Bulgarian troops built during the occupation as air-raid shelters. These are northwest of the city of the foot of the hill and 300 meters from the steel and stone bridge. The ends of these magazines can easily be seen from a distance. A little above them stand the water reservoirs which can be recognized from a distance. Four or five isolated houses are around these magazines.

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